

Women Veterans Informer

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FIRST FEMALE F-35 PILOT BEGINS TRAINING

by 1st Lt. Hope Cronin, 33rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs
May 7, 2015

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE in Florida.

The Department of Defense welcomed its first female F-35 Lightning II pilot here May 5, 2015.

Lt. Col. Christine Mau, 33rd Fighter Wing Operations Group deputy commander, completed her first training flight in the single-seat fifth-generation fighter following 14 virtual training missions in the Full Mission Simulator at the F-35 Academic Training Center.



Admiral Says Navy's Goal is 25 Percent Women in Each Ship, Squadron

by Wyatt Olson, for Stars and Stripes
May 15, 2015

The Navy is proceeding with its plan to increase the number of women in the service to 25% with a similar goal of attaining that ratio in each ship and squadron.

"Women currently make up about 17 % of the Navy," said Admiral Michelle Howard. Howard, became Vice Chief last year. In an all-hands call she stated that women made up only 5% of the Navy when she joined in 1978. "The reason women were such a small percentage of the Navy was that up until 1967, women could only be 2% of the armed forces; it was the law, and up until 1967, women could only be the rank of captain or colonel, and there could only be one of them at a time. That was the law. What we want to do is make sure women are aware that there's more out there than traditional jobs. There's growth and opportunity across all the communities. We need women leadership just as we need male leadership in some of these communities. In the end, it might be we can open [NSW slots] up but the occupational standards stand, but if [women] can meet those occupational standards, they should be able to come in. I've served at sea for 30 years. I've been in command of a ship, know my community. I've been their leader, and my sailors have responded to that. And I believe I and my team have been successful in every mission we've been given."





Woman combat aviator Linda Maloney addresses Florida Women Veterans 2015 Conference at Lido Beach

Article by James A. Jones Jr.

LIDO BEACH -- Linda Maloney, one of the first American women to serve as a Navy flight officer in combat, and the first woman ever inducted into the Martin-Baker Ejection Tie Club, served as keynote speaker for the opening of the Florida Women Veterans 2015 Conference Saturday.

Maloney, 53, enlisted in the Navy as an air traffic controller, and was encouraged by one of her first supervisors to seek a commission through ROTC. As an ensign, she got her flight wings and flew the A-6 Intruder and the EA-6B Prowler. The A-6 Intruder was an all-weather attack aircraft. A version of the A-6, the EA-6B Prowler is an electronic warfare/attack aircraft. She was one of the first women to join a combat flying squadron, and received the Distinguished Air Medal for combat during flights over Southern Iraq enforcing the no-fly zone.

After Maloney finished her presentation, the first question from the audience was about her ejection. Maloney answered that she was flying an electronic attack aggressor flight in 1991 from Key West to the Atlantic Ocean off Jacksonville, "As we started our climb, the plane acted a little sluggish and the pilot looked a little concerned as he adjusted the controls. It felt like the aircraft fishtailed as though we had flown through some mild 'jet wash'," she said. Almost immediately cockpit warning lights came on indicating a hydraulic failure. "We went through the emergency checklist," Maloney said, but "the plane began to roll out of control. The pilot said, 'I don't have control; eject.'" Maloney fired the rocket under her seat that blasted her through the canopy. She said she remembered the flash of light from the ejection seat and blacked out momentarily, regaining consciousness as she parachuted down into the Atlantic. The pilot ejected seconds afterward, and came down 5 miles away.

Moments later, rescue helicopters were overheard. The first person to reach Maloney's raft responded with surprise: "You're a girl!" Martin-Baker, the manufacturer of the ejection seat, awards a men's tie to anyone who has ejected in emergency, using their seat. As Maloney was the first woman to ever use the seat, Martin-Baker awarded her a pewee pin. The club has 5,800 members. Maloney is member 4,346. Maloney retired from the Navy as a captain in 2004, and launched a business career. In 2012, her book, "Military Fly Moms," was published detailing her experiences, and those of 70 other women. The book is subtitled "Sharing Memories, Building Legacies, Inspiring Hope."

Nadine Noky, the lead organizer for the conference, introduced Bradenton residents: Marian Boyer and Millie Dost, twins who are 94-year-old World War II veterans. Both served as nurses, Boyer in the Navy and Dost in the Army.

Attendees at the Sandcastle Resort at Lido Beach all stood to applaud the conference's oldest vets, including receiving a hug from Jeanette Nieves-Ayala.



Marian Boyer, left, and Millie Dost, right, hugged by Jeanette Nieves-Ayala



Nadine Noky, left, coordinator of the Florida Women Veterans 2015 Conference, and keynote speaker Linda Maloney, one of the first U.S. Navy combat jet pilots and a retired captain.

VA Launches Campaign to Increase Veterans' Economic Potential



May 18, 2015 – VA

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald, with leaders from national and local Veterans service organizations, corporate employers and government agencies, announced the launch of the Veterans Economic Communities Initiative, an effort focused in a total of 50 U.S. cities to promote economic success for Veterans.

The initiative is part of MyVA, which is dedicated to making Veterans the center of all we do.

"The best way to get things done for Veterans is to involve partners from both the public and private sectors – national to local," said McDonald. "If history has shown us anything, it's that all you have to do is give Veterans an opportunity and they will go beyond anything you could ever envision. Community leaders understand the purpose of MyVA and will find innovative ways to support it."

The goal of the VEI is to increase education and employment opportunities for America's Veterans by bringing together local and national employers to coordinate services for Veterans, Servicemembers and military families.

The Veterans Economic Communities Initiative includes a VA Economic Liaison in each community who will expand and encourage collaboration among private and public organizations that offer resources related to education, training and employment. Through strategic partnerships, and by offering Veterans innovative forms of learning and employment opportunities, these communities will help Veterans gain competitive career skills and knowledge in locally in-demand fields.

Communities participating in the Veterans Economic Communities Initiative include:

Atlanta, Georgia; El Paso, Texas; Las Vegas, Nevada; New York, New York; San Antonio, Texas; Chicago, Illinois; Honolulu, Hawaii; Los Angeles, California; Norfolk, Virginia; San Diego, California; Cincinnati, Ohio; Houston, Texas; Louisville, Kentucky; Phoenix, Arizona; Seattle, Washington; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Jacksonville, Florida; Miami, Florida; Richmond, Virginia; St. Louis, Missouri; Dallas, Texas; Kansas City, Missouri; Nashville, Tennessee; Riverside, California; Washington, DC.

Under the Veterans Economic Communities Initiative, communities will develop scalable, sustainable models over the next two years that include:

- Resources and education for employers on hiring and supporting Veterans.
- Employment summits to connect talented job seekers with local employers who have immediate hiring needs.
- Policy academies where experts generate ideas, form partnerships and make policy recommendations that will help lower the unemployment rate and increase economic opportunities among Veterans and their families.
- Learning or resource hubs to help connect Veterans to economic opportunities including entrepreneurship,

Congressman Joe Heck Bill to End Veterans Homelessness Passes

May 19, 2015 - by RealEstateRama

Congressman Heck's Bill to End Veterans Homelessness. Legislation introduced by Congressman Joe Heck (NV-03) aimed at reducing veterans homelessness today passed the House of Representatives by voice vote. H.R. 1816, the Vulnerable Veterans Housing Reform Act of 2015, ends the flawed Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) policy of counting the aid and attendance benefit for low-income, disabled veterans as regular income. By counting the aid and attendance benefit intended for medical care as income, HUD is unfairly reducing the housing assistance available to our low-income disabled veterans.

This issue was first brought to Congressman Heck's attention during a 2011 meeting of his Veterans Advisory Panel. The panel brings local veterans together to discuss the issues facing southern Nevada's veteran community. "We owe it to the men and women who have served our country to ensure that government policies are working for them, not against them," Rep. Heck said.

*** Congressman Joe Heck represents Nevada's Third Congressional District in the House of Representatives. He serves on the House Armed Services Committee, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. - See more at: <http://tinyurl.com/mx8gqsa>

Career Corner



MilitaryHire.com helps real Veterans get real jobs! This military hiring network has been developed and maintained by a team of both military veterans and corporate hiring authorities.

This network allows former military personnel to seek careers and utilize their professional skills.

Within the MilitaryHire network are the resources and contacts you need to successfully make your initial transition to civilian life and beyond. This site is constantly changing due to input by job seekers like yourself who provide us with information on how to improve its functionality and content. Any advice on how to enhance this site or its contents would be greatly appreciated. Please send us your thoughts and suggestions to: Comments@MilitaryHire.com



***** **Spotlight Jobs** *****

Silver Springs is hiring:

- Test Vehicle Operators
- Porters
- Plant Maintenance Technician

Ely is hiring:

- Water and Waste Water Operator
- Front Desk F/T
- CNA

Reno/Sparks is hiring:

- Special Inspector
- Front Desk Associate
- Plumber

To Apply: <http://nevada.us.jobs/>



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Privileges
Find Jobs in
Nevada at
www.hireahero.org/**



USTechVets.org is an online community and resource designed to connect veterans to employment opportunities in the U.S. technology sector. Through a partnership of several national and regional technology associations and Monster.com, U.S. Tech Vets' mission is to facilitate veterans' transition to the civilian workforce.

www.ustechvets.org/



**Senator Harry Reid's
Veteran Career Fair**

Sunday, July 12 11:30 AM
UNLV: Student Union Ballroom
4505 S Maryland Pkwy.
Las Vegas, NV 89154

Choice Las Vegas Career Fair

Thursday, July 30, 2015
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Texas Station Casino
2101 Texas Star Ln., N. Las Vegas, NV 89130

JOBS ACROSS THE STATE OF NEVADA

Special Education Paraprofessional

Esmeralda County School District - Goldfield, NV
Apply here: <http://tinyurl.com/mxt6hoc>

Academy Truck Driver Trainees -

Scholarships for Veterans at Swift Transportation Nevada
Need a Class A CDL? Swift Academies offers
PTDI certified courses and "Best-In-Class" training.
Apply here: <http://tinyurl.com/lkc44uj>

Kelly Services is now hiring for Production Workers in Fernley, NV.

Qualified candidates will have prior experience in
Manufacturing, Production or Material Handling.
Forklift experience a plus.
Apply here: <http://tinyurl.com/n8fs3s5>

Career Corner



VETERANS
commit suicide
every day

1 out of 12 Veterans are unemployed in Nevada

JOBS

give Veterans a purpose.
give Veterans hope.
prevent Veteran suicides.

Support the Veteran Integration Program.
It offers veterans and their families
vital job training, job placement and
supportive services.

Veteran
Integration
Program

Provided by
Goodwill and the National Veterans Foundation

This program empowers veterans with the tools they need to transition from military to civilian life.



VETERAN
INTEGRATION
PROGRAM

If you are interested in funding
this program or in hiring veterans
call 702-214-1655



If you know a Veteran in trouble
call 888-777-4443

SAVE THE DATE



Thursday, July 9, 2015

The Job Club will meet at 9:40 a.m. in the Auditorium, at the VA hospital, 6900 North Pecos Rd. 1st Floor. Veterans Benefits Administration Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Resume writing (federal and private sector), interview skills, networking, job search techniques. RSVP by contacting Primo Soltero at 702.224.6801 or primo.soltero@va.gov



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Visit: <http://www.topeventsusa.com/state-events-nevada.html>



4th of July Parade: July 4, Noon

Independence Day is best celebrated on the Comstock. Start your day with the 4th of July parade then browse the great local shops before you catch the Comstock Cowboys Second Amendment Concert followed by the region's longest firework displays.

Wild Horse Faire Parade: August 22, Noon

Parade down C Street with local dignitaries, horse enthusiasts and a wide range of other participants as part of the Second Annual Wild Horse Faire.

For more events or additional details, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/lq4cn2m>



Nellis AFB Job Fair at Nellis Air Force Base

July 16, 2015

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Desert Oasis 4280 Carswell Ave Nellis AFB, NV

ELKO TO SALT LAKE CITY FATIGUES TO FABULOUS

In support of women veterans, the Department of Veteran Services will transport 45 women veterans who reside in the Elko Area to Salt Lake City via charter bus for a Women Veterans Celebration on either November 9th or 10th of 2015.

If you are a woman veteran living in Elko and would like to join us for the Fatigues to Fabulous event in

Salt Lake City, please contact your **Women Veterans Coordinator:**

Necole Stevens at 702.791.9000 ext: 15518
or by email at stevensn@veterans.nv.gov
for additional information.

(Dates and times will be announced shortly).

**FATIGUES
to fabulous
WARRIOR TO WOMAN**

**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
WOMEN VETERANS CELEBRATION**

DATE: TBA

Zions Bank, Founders Room (18th Floor)
One South Main, Salt Lake City

Enjoy dinner, meet new girlfriends, hear from other inspiring female Veterans and stick around for our fabulous FASHION SHOW!

This FREE event, in recognition of Veterans Day, honors the service of all women including active duty, National Guard, and Reserve.

**RESOURCE AND INFORMATION FAIR
3:00 PM - 5:00PM**

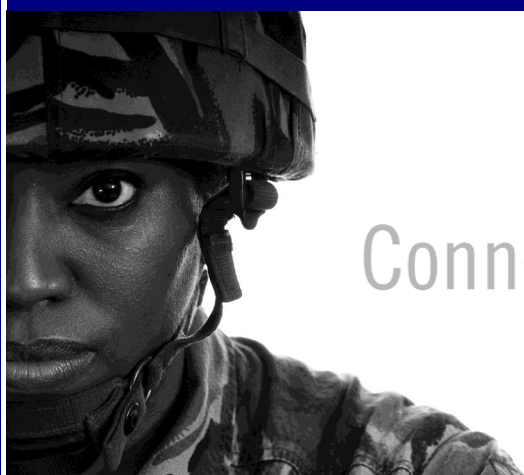
**WOMEN VETERANS CELEBRATION
5:30PM - 7:30PM**

Honoring Women Veterans

At the Nevada Department of Veterans Services, we're committed to delivering quality services to all Nevada veterans, and these pages will educate you – a woman veteran who proudly defended our freedom – about benefits and resources.

Women have served the cause of freedom in every war and every generation since the Revolution. Those we honor number some 1.8 million, including nearly 24,000 women veterans currently residing in Nevada. Today, more than 25 percent of our military strength worldwide is women, and women serve in almost every capacity in the armed forces, including in combat zones on land, at sea and in the skies. More than 177,000 women from across the country have served as fighter pilots, medics, military police and in other roles since the start of the Global War on Terror.

It's all too common for women veterans to pack away their uniforms and memories upon return to civilian life, never to discuss their experiences again. Many women who honorably served don't even realize they're veterans – or realize their eligibility for benefits. Through these pages, we acknowledge your service and offer several resources to help you understand your status and what it means. By working together, we will achieve success in establishing a network to further communication and women veterans outreach.



Stay
Connected

Looking for help?

See below for important phone numbers.

Nevada Department of Veterans Services

1 (866) 630-VETS

1 (866) 630-8387

Department of Veterans Affairs

1 (800) 827-1000

VA Suicide Prevention Hotline

1 (800) 273-TALK

1 (800) 273-8255

Wreaths Across America

Our mission, Remember, Honor, Teach, is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies a specified Saturday in December at Arlington, as well as veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

We also organize a week of events including international veteran's tributes, ceremonies at State Houses and a week-long "Veteran's Parade" between Maine and Virginia where we stop along the way to spread our message about the importance of remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who serve, and teaching our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms.



The cost of our programs is paid by individual wreaths sponsors, corporate and volunteer donors.

See more at: <http://www.wreathsassamerica.org/>

Our ultimate goal is to cover every grave site at the SNVMC and honor all the veterans interred within the cemetery. That number is now over 5,500. The public is welcome to attend and assist with placing the wreaths following the ceremony.



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**Southern Nevada
Healthcare System
North Las Vegas VA
Medical Center
6900 N Pecos Rd
North Las Vegas, NV
89086
Phone: 702.791.9000 ext
15518
E-mail:
stevensn@veterans.nv.gov**

Web Sites

Green Zone Network
"Get connected with
the Nevada
Veteran Community"
Employment, Education
and Wellness
www.greenzonenetwork.org

Nevada Department of
Veteran Services General
Information (866) 630-8387

Visit www.veterans.nv.gov
for information concerning:
Nevada State
Veterans Home
Southern and Northern
Nevada Veteran
Memorial Cemeteries
Veterans Rural Outreach
"ROVER" Calendar



**"Serving America's
Heroes"**

Vision

Nevadans across the state understand and celebrate the legacy of America's servicewomen and **all** Nevada women veterans understand and have access to benefits to which they are eligible.

Mission

To provide women veteran benefit and activity information; resolve women veteran problems or refer veterans to NDVS service officers and other beneficial service providers for assistance; and to develop programs and activities that ensure Nevada women veterans understand, and are able to obtain, any aid or benefit to which they may be eligible.

Submit Pictures and Articles

To submit articles and pictures for publication in the Women Veterans Informer please email the women veterans coordinator at:
stevensn@veterans.nv.gov

Nominate a Woman Vet for Veteran of the Month

To read the Veteran of the Month Guidelines
and access submission forms please go to:
<http://www.veterans.nv.gov/page/veteran-of-the-month-program>



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NevadaWomenVeterans>



Twitter: https://twitter.com/NDVS_Necole



Google+: <http://tinyurl.com/NDVSgpage>



Website: <http://www.veterans.nv.gov/>



Instagram: [ndvs.wvc](https://www.instagram.com/ndvs.wvc)



Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/NVWVC/>



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